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Growth Management Planning Council
c/o Mr. Paul Reitenbach, King County DDES

Subject: Southwest Suburban Sewer District Comments on draft Countywide Planning Policies

Dear Mr. Reitenbach,

Southwest Suburban Sewer District, a special purpose wastewater district serving approximately 60,000 people in the Burien, Normandy Park and unincorporated White Center areas, respectfully requests that the following comments are accepted for record on the updated draft King County Countywide Planning Policies.

It is Southwest Suburban Sewer District's opinion that water and sewer districts are very efficient and effective in providing quality service at reasonable costs. Southwest Suburban Sewer District maintains two secondary treatment plants and still has the second lowest monthly sewer rates in King County. This is an example of local government that works without taxes. Water and wastewater districts are fee based rather than tax based.

Chapter 36.70A of the Growth Management Act states, cities are only "in general" the appropriate providers of services within urban areas. Therefore, we feel the CPPs, and specifically, PFS-3, should be revised likewise to be consistent with state law.

We want to especially point out that in addition to Boundary Review Board approval (RCW Chapter 36.93), many newer cities must obtain voter approval before such cities can provide utility service. Therefore, Southwest Suburban Sewer District feels the CPPs should be qualified with the word "may" to allow cities to assume utility functions.

Respectfully submitted,

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